

Amendments to the Claims

and

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 4-7, 9-11, 13-16, 18, and 19 are amended.

Claims 1-3 and 8 are canceled.

1-3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A reversible seat system for a vehicle, the system comprising:

a seat cushion having an anterior side and a posterior side;

a seatback, the seatback including at least one post element extending below a lower side of the seatback; and

at least one receiving slot located on each of the anterior and posterior sides of the seat cushion, the receiving slots being configured to cooperatively, retainably receive the post element,

wherein the seatback is removable from the receiving slots and replaceable between a first position and a second position, the first position being where the post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the posterior side of the seat cushion and the second position being where the post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the anterior side of the seat,

~~The reversible seat system of claim 1,~~ wherein the at least one receiving slots are slot is formed in the seat ~~cushion cushions,~~ and

the at least one receiving slot is located within an outside edge of the seat cushion and extends through a top surface of the seat cushion, and

5. (currently amended) The reversible seat system of claim 4, wherein the anterior side receiving slot is formed closer to a middle portion of the seat cushions that than to the anterior side of the seat cushion.

6. (currently amended) The reversible seat system of claim 4, further including a cover that covers a receiving slot that is not in receipt of the ~~post-like~~ post element.

7. (currently amended) The reversible seat system of claim 4, wherein the receiving slot slots extends through the seat cushion and ~~are~~ adapted to be anchored to an area of the vehicle floor located beneath the seat cushion.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A reversible seat system for a vehicle, the system comprising:

a seat cushion having an anterior side and a posterior side;

a seatback, the seatback including at least one post element extending below a lower side of the seatback;

at least one receiving slot located on each of the anterior and posterior sides of the seat cushion, the receiving slots being configured to cooperatively, retainably receive the post element; and

a retention mechanism in the receiving slot configured to releaseably retain the post element in the receiving slot,

wherein the seatback is removable from the receiving slots and replaceable between a first position and a second position, the first position being where the post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the posterior side of the seat cushion and the second position being where the post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the anterior side of the seat, and

~~The reversible seat system of claim 8, wherein the retention mechanism comprises spring-loaded balls pressing laterally into mating hemispherical divets on side walls of the receiving slot.~~

10. (currently amended) A reversible seat system for a vehicle, the system comprising:

a seat cushion having an anterior side and a posterior side;

a seatback, the seatback including at least one post element extending below a lower side of the seatback;

at least one receiving slot located on each of the anterior and posterior sides of the seat cushion, the receiving slots being configured to cooperatively, retainably receive the post element; and

a retention mechanism in the receiving slot configured to releaseably retain the post element in the receiving slot,

wherein the seatback is removable from the receiving slots and replaceable between a first position and a second position, the first position being where the post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the posterior side of the seat cushion and the second position being where the post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the anterior side of the seat, and

~~The reversible seat system of claim 8, wherein the retention mechanism comprises one or more of attractive magnets, hook and loop-type fasteners, or a ratcheting track.~~

11. (currently amended) A reversible seat system for a vehicle, the system comprising:

a seat cushion having an anterior side and a posterior side;

a seatback, the seatback including at least one post element extending below a lower side of the seatback; and

at least one receiving slot located on each of the anterior and posterior sides of the seat cushion, the receiving slots being configured to cooperatively, retainably receive the post element,

wherein the seatback is removable from the receiving slots and replaceable between a first position and a second position, the first position being where the post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the posterior side of the seat cushion and the second position being where the post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the anterior side of the seat, and

~~The reversible seat system of claim 1, wherein the post-like member post element has a rotation mechanism that is configured to permit the seatback to recline with respect to the seat cushion.~~

12. (original) The reversible seat system of claim 11, wherein the rotation mechanism comprises a multi-positionable turret.

13. (currently amended) The reversible seat system of claim 4 ~~1~~, wherein the seat cushion is configured so that it may rotate between at least two positions, the first position tilting upward toward the front of the vehicle, the second position tilting downward toward the front of the vehicle.

14. (currently amended) A reversible seat system for a vehicle, the system comprising:

a seat cushion having an anterior side and a posterior side;

a seatback, the seatback including at least one post element extending below a lower side of the seatback;

at least one receiving slot located on each of the anterior and posterior sides of the seat cushion, the receiving slots being configured to cooperatively, retainably receive the post element; and

~~The reversible seat system of claim 1, further comprising an electronic failsafe mechanism that prevents the vehicle from moving in either forward or reverse, while the seatback is not in the first position,~~

wherein the seatback is removable from the receiving slots and replaceable between a first position and a second position, the first position being where the post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the posterior side of the seat cushion and the second position being where the post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the anterior side of the seat;

15. (currently amended) The reversible seat system of claim ~~1~~ 4, further comprising two ~~post-like~~ post elements extending below the lower side of the seatback.

16. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a reversible seat for a vehicle, the method comprising:

forming a seatback that includes at least one ~~post-like~~ post element extending below a lower side of the seatback; and

forming a seat cushion with at least one receiving slot located on each of the anterior and posterior sides of the seat cushion, the receiving slots being configured to receive the ~~post-like~~ post element,

wherein the seatback is formed to be removable and replaceable between a first position and a second position, the first position being where the ~~post-like~~ post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the posterior side of the seat cushion and the second position being where the ~~post-like~~ post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the anterior side of the seat, and

the at least one receiving slot is formed within an outside edge of the seat cushion so that it extends through a top surface of the seat cushion.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein the seatback is capable of being rotated 180 degrees between the first position and the second position

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the seatback is formed with two ~~post-like~~ post elements.

19. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a reversible seat for a vehicle, the method comprising:

forming a seatback that includes at least one post element extending below a lower side of the seatback; and

forming a seat cushion with at least one receiving slot located on each of the anterior and posterior sides of the seat cushion, the receiving slots being configured to receive the post element,

wherein the seatback is formed to be removable and replaceable between a first position and a second position, the first position being where the post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the posterior side of the seat cushion and the second position being where the post element of the seatback is inserted into the receiving slot on the anterior side of the seat, and

~~The method of claim 16, wherein the post-like post element is formed with a rotation mechanism that is configured to permit the seatback to recline with respect to the seat cushion.~~